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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTY.'S DOCKET: MARUTA=3C

In re Application of:

Kazuhiko MARUTA et al.

Serial No.: 09/419,305

Filed: October 15, 1999

For: RECOMBINANT THERMOSTABLE
ENZYME WHICH...

) Art Unit: 1652

) Examiner: R. PROUTY

) Washington, D.C.

) October 22, 2002

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 18, 2002,
petition and payment for a two month extension of time being
attached hereto, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claim 1 with new amended claim 1 as
follows below. A marked up version of the amended claim to show
the changes made is attached hereto.

1 (Twice-amended). A purified recombinant thermostable
enzyme which has an amino acid sequence of a variant of SEQ ID
NO:1, said amino acid sequence being obtainable from SEQ ID NO:1
by recombinant DNA technology, and which has the following
physicochemical properties:

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